

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Quang N. Vo.
SHUICHI KUMADA)	
	:	Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/694,837)	
	:	Conf. No.: 2477
Filed: October 29, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	April 7, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Species I, on which Claims 1, 3-6 and 13 read.

An early and favorable examination of those claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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